



United We Stand Against Police Brutality



- Photo by Dr. Milton Samuels

By **Tajudeen J Akinbode**
SGA Representative

As a representative of the Student Government Association at Roxbury Community College, I personally denounce the brutality and the absolute act of barbarism displayed by the cops that arrested a 16-year old boy on RCC campus on Friday Nov. 22, 2010. I am not commenting on the reason for the arrest, but rather on the approach. The excessive force, punching, and kneeling used on this young boy, even after he had been subdued were crude, unfair, and unnecessary. It is disheartening to know that many police officers, among whom are those that were involved in this arrest, still fail to understand that in their quest to preserving public safety and peaceful community coexistence, the society expect them to act more diplomatically. I adore the courage of my fellow student that took the video footage of this ugly incident. Without her effort, these abusers in uniforms and the Boston Police Department, as usual, would have furnished the public

with their diluted and unfairly tailored version of the incident.

Also clearly important is the need to stress that the entire student community of Roxbury Community College feel disrespected by this incident for the very fact that this untamed police brutality took place on our campus. These cops came in, unleashed their viciousness, and walked out. The fact that this institution is a predominantly black community should not make the Boston Police Department or any society member, no matter how highly or lowly placed, to think that we do not deserve to be accounted for. If this had happened on the private property of a predominantly white community institution, I am absolutely positive that Michael T. McManus and the rest of his untamed team would have been cautious of how they unleashed the brutality that have overshadowed their mental faculty.

As the voice of the entire student of Roxbury Community College, I assert that we deserve the right to feel secure on our campus. Even though the young boy in question is not a student

of RCC, the fact that this ferocious attack took place on our campus gives us no choice than to proudly stand with our fellow student that took the video footage of the occurrence to condemn the continuous perpetuation of police brutality in the society. Our support for her is unquestionably essential because if we decide to keep quiet because the boy in question is not a fellow student. We might not have the courage to stand up for our fellow colleague in the future if this was to happen to them. We might not have the courage to discourage police brutality in the society, especially black dominated communities. This, we believe is what it means to make a difference, and this we all proudly stand up for.

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On behalf of the Student Government Association of RCC and the entire student community it governs.
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The CORI Effect on African Americans

By **Queon Wiggins**
Staff Reporter

Even though the Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) has affected everyone with a criminal record in Massachusetts, it has affected African Americans more. According to the U.S. census, African Americans make up 5.4% of the population in Massachusetts, but 26.4% of the prison population. This means that 1 out of 11 African Americans will have a CORI. The Massachusetts Department of Corrections states that over

3,000 inmates are released from prisons per year. These people will need housing, jobs, schooling, and other services to help them live productive lives, but because of the current CORI system, it will make this virtually impossible.

According to research done by Sonalli Pillay and Jake Grumbach of Columbia University, African Americans with criminal records have a 5 percent chance of being called back for an interview for an entry-level position while those with-

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RCC is a Food Desert

By **Professor Sergia Hay**
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My concern is growing. It started when I saw students balancing paper plates of pizza in the lobby of the academic building- for breakfast. Then I noticed the same thing happening at lunch. Then, just last week, one of my students in HUM135 wrote, "We, the students here at RCC, don't have that much of a choice regarding the conditions here in Roxbury versus Charlestown's Bunker Hill Community College or Boston's Fisher College. We cannot choose simple things like having nutritional food to eat in a real cafeteria..."

My concern is this: RCC is a food desert. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) defines food deserts as "areas that lack access to affordable fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lowfat milk, and other foods that make up the full range of a healthy diet." We have students on campus during each of the three meal times, yet there is no place on campus to grab a mere apple.

I am not criticizing pizza (I love it), nor our food service providers who are doing their work in a limited space. It's rather that I believe we can do better.



We can do better in three ways: 1) we should have more healthy food choices, 2) we should have a place to sit while we eat, and 3) we should use this current challenge as an opportunity to educate our college community, families, and surrounding neighborhood about the issue of Food Justice.

We now know that the consumption of processed and high-fat foods and sugary drinks leads to weight gain, spikes and crashes in energy levels and attention spans, and more serious chronic health conditions like heart disease and diabetes. If we want students to have the best chance to succeed in all areas (academics, athletics, extra-curricular activities, social life), then they need to have access to the right fuel to do this. If we

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Make Full Use of Education Opportunities

By **Stephen Babumba**
Staff Reporter

Good schools, constant power supply, educational materials like text and notebooks, pens and pencils, teaching aids, security, abundant good and qualified teachers/instructors, financial aid for educational purposes, clothes and stability: all of these things are so valuable that billions of people only just hear and dream about them. As a college student, if you make use of them at all costs, you will push yourself to a higher level of prosperity.

In my native country, way back in Africa, I had to walk barefooted four miles to go to school and another four miles to come back home, and so did the

other pupils. When I joined high school, the distance became longer – a total of ten miles I had to walk everyday! This was because there was no high school nearby and neither was there any means of transportation other than walking.

Despite all those challenges, I was able to pass and complete high school with grades of A and B. This was mainly because I was determined to complete high school with a diploma.

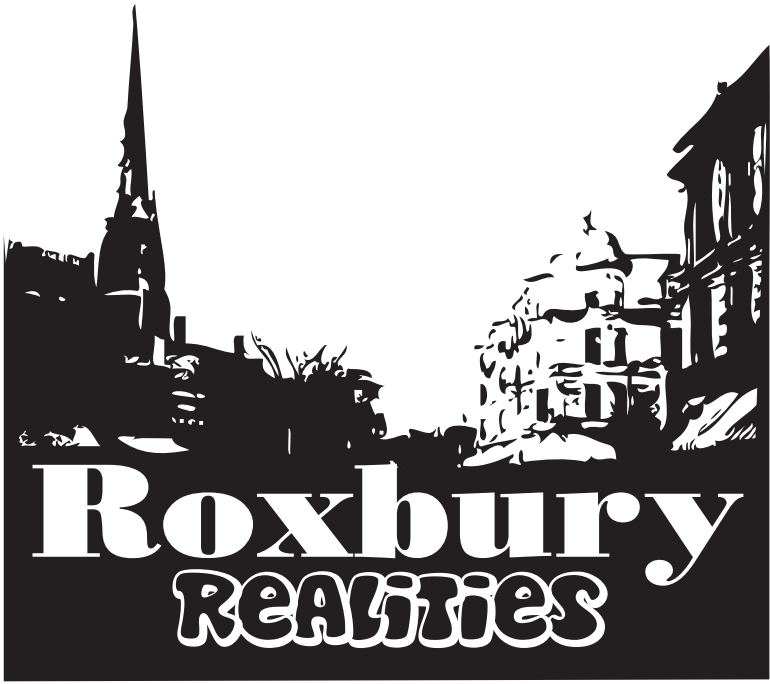
In the United States of America almost every neighborhood has a high school free of tuition with accessible and affordable public transportation.

Of course there are challenges, but to be focused on one thing at a time (education) is the way to go. For the youth in

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Crime in Mission Hill

By **Shakira Murphy**
Staff Reporter

The crime rate in the Mission Hill Projects in Roxbury, MA is fairly high. Continuous violence in this particular area affects student life for Roxbury Community College. Based on the fact that the college is a few blocks away from the Mission Hill Projects, the faculty and students do worry if they are safe enough to walk around on their campus.

During the last couple of years there have been two main crimes that have been reported from the Mission Hill Projects. First, the Boston Police did a sweep through, arresting about twenty victims for warrants due to drug possession and trespassing. Also, three rape suspects were arrested from Mission Hill Projects. A student from Northeastern University was raped and the suspects were known to be from the Mission Hill Projects. They were arrested shortly after their photos were posted. “We recognized them as soon as we saw the pictures,” said Boston Police Officer William P. Dunn.

While these two dangerous crimes were known to happen at the Mission Hill Projects, the questions are still out there. When is it safe to walk around Mission Hill? Should we trust our Boston Police to take care of the crimes? What is the risk of something happening to Roxbury Community College students and faculty? Students and faculty at have put in a few of their suggestions and comments to what they think should get done or might help prevent so much crime around their area.

Siara Lowry, a Criminal Justice major, suggested that there should be police around every corner and metal detectors at Roxbury Community College preventing any weapons from entering the building. She also said there should be more security on campus. Jade Murphy, another Criminal Justice major at RCC, thought otherwise. She said, “[There is] nothing people can do” because police cannot arrest every person who commits a crime. She is terrified because people shoot anyone and anywhere and innocent people are being shot. All she wants is to better her education. It’s not fair that she cannot feel safe in her own neighborhood.

The Cori...

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out a record have a 14 percent. However, whites have a 17 percent chance with a CORI and a 34 percent chance without one. With practices like this, it has been suggested that criminal records hide discrimination in hiring. Suffolk County sheriff Andrea Cabral stated that when Criminal Offender Record Information is used inappropriately to bar access to employment, housing, or higher education, people resort to whatever means are available in order to survive.

With all of the statistics, it is reasonable to say that there probably are some students who have a CORI and are unable to get financial aid or government grants. Eventually, they have to drop out of college. Without any assistance, their dreams of a better life get shat-

tered. The CORI has been used as a weapon to keep African Americans, especially African American males, from moving forward.

Massachusetts has a CORI reform law that took effect on Nov. 4. Will things change, or will there be the same old biases? Terrell Harris, a communications director for the state Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, acknowledged that the new law “does not preclude an employer from conducting a CORI search.” So even though employers are not supposed to ask potential employees if they have a CORI in an interview or on an application, they have already found a way to beat the new system and law.

No further retribution should be needed when any person has paid their debt to society by incarceration, parole or probation. The CORI has been exactly that: further retribution.

in Boston and around the surrounding areas. That way, you would have used what you have with the utmost care.

Indeed, if you were born and raised in the USA, count yourself very lucky and blessed, for the sky is the limit. Every good thing is on your table, so take it and use it maximally. Don’t abuse it; many only dream of having the Education opportunities you have.

Make Full Use...

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high school, focus on completing high school with straight A’s. For those who never completed high school, go for the General Education Diploma. After high school, go for marketable skills in the many colleges and universities

Foster Parents Mislead DSS

By **Rafael Figuereo**
Staff Reporter

Some foster children aren’t being helped but simply used and ignored for the simple income they bring in. A growing number of foster parents mislead DSS by keeping the state funds they receive for the children. This means two things: either the social workers aren’t doing their job or the foster parents are doing a better job of concealing it.

A lot goes on that has not yet been presented to the proper authorities, but young adults are witnesses to these actions all the time. A young girl named Maria Sanchez struggled with her

mother back and forth between foster homes. “The money I was supposed to get, I didn’t, and the money I was supposed to get when I was eighteen; it was used. That is what my DSS worker told me.” These allegations may or may not be justified. It is difficult to speculate, but what can be determined is that she was improperly told, not kept notified, and not even properly educated in the politics of her situation as a foster child.

Purcell Johnson and Laverne Johnson, a Riverside couple, face 149 felony charges for stealing \$500,000 in public funds intended for the foster children. Over a four-year, 89 youngsters were in their care and each child received \$5,613

a month. An RCC student who was once a foster child and wishes to remain nameless was presented with these facts and responded, “This is common, I saw it all the time when I was in foster care, not as much as the Johnson’s stole, but a good amount.”

Aren’t CPS (Child Protective Services) and CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) in charge of these kids? They don’t ask questions? They don’t see that the kids have no services or support? Apparently, the general public has to be aware of the situation. As a moral duty, it is society’s job to step in and prevent the misuse of funds by foster parents and inattentiveness of these social workers.



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Challenges Make Student Stronger

By **Wendy Ramirez**
ESOL Student

I was born in a small and beautiful village in the Dominican Republic in a loving family. I’m the oldest of 4 siblings. We were 6 members including my father, mother, 3 brothers and I.

I had to take care of my siblings while my parents were working as teachers in the village’s school or when they had to go to some activities somewhere children were not allowed. I love my siblings, and I can say that, thank God, they love me too. At that time my little sister was living with my grandmother from the time when she was seven until eleven years old, but she always came to visit during vacations.

When I was five years old, I started school. It was a great time for me. I felt very important and my parents were so proud of me because I was a very successful student and won an award for perfect attendance and for my participation in The National Reading Olympics in which I won second place.

One day when I was fourteen years old my Grandmother and sister came to visit us from Santiago Rodriguez. That day while my mother was ironing my father’s clothes, she felt a strong headache. My father rushed her to hospital emergency. The doctor said that she

had a tumor in her head and they had to do surgery immediately. From that day on our lives changed forever, especially mine.

As result of this disease, my mother never was the same; she couldn’t talk, walk or move without help. It was terrible because it happened pretty fast. She sometimes screamed because of the pain and she had to take a lot of pills. I felt useless and guilty and thought that I was doing something wrong. I missed talking to her and said many prayers to God for my Mom, but I thought that He never listened to me. I felt very angry, because I saw, day by day, that her condition wasn’t improving despite all my prayers.

Eight months later, my mother died. It was devastating for my brothers and me. We felt lost no matter how many people were around us. My mother and I had an amazing relationship. She was my best friend.

After my mother’s death, I moved to Santo Domingo. During my time there, I was living in many relatives’ houses. The first was at my Uncle’s house where I finished secondary school. Then I moved to my cousins’ house for about 2 years. While in their house, I started my career in Accounting at the University and got a part time job in a college as a secretary. My second job as a secretary was full time at a small office sup-

ply company, I actually thought that I needed something more in my life and started to try to get it.

One year later, I got a new job at an International Shipping Company. I had to move again, this time to my Aunt’s house. She is one of the most important and special people in my life and like my second mother. I lived with her for about 2 years, but I had to move because of my younger brothers. They needed some place to stay while they were studying in the university but my aunt’s house was very small for all us. I found an apartment so we could all move together, and my father helped me to pay the rent.

On Feb. 28, 2007, I met my husband at a big party. My friend, who is his sister in-law, introduced us. I had met his family two years before I met him, so it was normal that everybody knew me there. He lived in the US but went to the DR every month after we met. Six months later, on July 23,2007, he asked me if I would like to be his wife. My husband sent a request for K-1 visa (for engagement) and in a few days I received the appointment from immigration. On October 23, of the same year, we got married. In the first year I felt lost, because I did not have friends, a job, and I had to stay at home doing nothing. However, I like being here with my husband and little dog and every day I’m getting used to being here. Now this year, I’ve decided to improve my English, get a job and the most important for me now, finish my accounting career. Maybe my life wasn’t perfect, but I never would like to change it.

OPINIONS

RCC Bathrooms: Clean Or Dirty?

By Sende Oliveria
Staff Reporter

Roxbury Community College has come a long way with keeping the bathrooms clean. There was a time when the bathrooms were always dirty. The toilets were always clogged, paper towels were scattered everywhere, and there were “unsanitary” things where there shouldn’t be.

In most of the bathrooms now there are hand dryers instead of paper towels. This has stopped most of the scattered paper towels from being all over the bathroom; however, for selective few who don’t have the patience to wait for

their hands to dry from the hand dryer, it really hasn’t made a difference because now there is toilet tissue everywhere. So let’s all observe some bathroom habits to help Facilities do their job:

If the toilet is clogged, do not keep throwing more tissue in it in hopes that maybe with the next flush it will actually go down. People, its pretty simple: leave it alone! Go and get a custodian to help.

And one last thing, we don’t not have automatic sinks. Just as you turned on the sink to wash your hands, please turn it back off.

Although we do not live here, most of us do not treat our own bathroom in such a manner. And if you do, then it’s time to start cleaning up!



Dear Colleagues/Faculty:

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I am writing on behalf of our students, many of whom had recent exposure to a traumatic event. Perhaps, if we consider this event as akin to any number of events that happen on college campuses nationwide, it becomes easier to imagine what many of our students might be feeling.

The situations on these campuses had a domino effect on wide swatches of the student bodies. Although few among them knew the victims, they were affected simply because they were part of the community. I think that it’s much the same for our students. More salient than our own politics and personal philosophies, I think, are our students’ beating hearts. Underneath it all, many of them are virtually children. Few care about our world views. Most, however, care greatly whether or not we care about them. Perhaps, we might find ways to express our care, regardless of our perceptions of what happened on October 22nd; the culpability – or not – of the 16-year old boy; and/or our views about the police.

If we were young again, and this happened in our community, to people who were about our age, how would we feel about it? What would we expect from the “grown-ups” in our extended community? Looking back on college life,

I think about two things: My fellow students and my professors, the latter whose opinions mattered more than I cared to admit. With this in mind, let’s consider ways to express our “care” for our students.

Some possibilities:

- Inviting the student organizers to a meeting with faculty – convened for that purpose – and asking them to tell the faculty what might feel supportive to them
- Making a brief announcement indicating faculty concern for the students at the beginning of our class sessions
- Meeting during the common hour and discussing a course of action amongst ourselves
- Wearing ribbons as an acknowledgment that the community has experienced an unfortunate event

Our students will only believe that we care if we show them our hearts. Only in doing so will they open theirs. When the heart opens, the mind becomes more receptive and the pathway to learning is cleared. Let us clear a path for our students.

Sincerely,

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English Department

Why No Radio?



By Marlon Espinal
Staff Reporter

Most colleges throughout the United States have a media department of some sort. In those departments there are outlets such as television shows and newspapers to broadcast the media. Another one of the major outlets is radio. Many colleges have a radio station, but there are some exceptions such as

our own Roxbury Community College. It’s quite strange how a school can have a media department and not have one of the most common forms of media, which is radio. Radio shows can help promote the school, inform students of upcoming events, and of course play music.

So why no radio show? Second year broadcast media student Wesley Jean Baptiste said, “I propose that the media department should start an RCC radio show that can be recorded, then broadcasted throughout the school. Promoting the school with young people and music can be more appealing than the same old news.” The head of the Media Department, Professor Justin Petty, has responded by saying, “We simply are not equipped with the resources to start a radio show this year. Maybe next year.” If next year RCC can get a radio station, it would be a big step in the right direction because of all the opportunities radio has to offer students and the school itself.



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Famed Poet Martin Espada Visits RCC

By Seonseay Oates
Staff Reporter

Veronica McCormack, Chair of the Language Department and professor of ESOL, was part of the committee for Hispanic Heritage. Talking to Professor McCormack about Martin Espada is a delight. She comes off as a humble woman who seeks no credit about having a hand in putting together the Hispanic heritage celebration. A part of the celebration that is going on here at RCC is the fact that Martin Espada, who is a poet Laureate and a Professor at Umass Amherst, has come to our campus to read.

Martin Espada is Hispanic. Influenced by his father, who was part of the Civil Rights movement, the values of justice and equality for all were instilled in him at a young age.

McCormack's face lights up when she is asked to describe Martin Espada's stories. She stated that "his stories reflect the experience of a lot of people and

especially the Latin people." Veronica's overall opinion on Espada and his continued efforts to bring to light the stereo type of Hispanic people is that as a whole "The more you know about other worlds, the bigger your world become. It's the next best thing next to traveling."

McCormack love the overall presentation of Martin's work she is deeply fascinated by his conviction and passion for his own works. Also Martin Espada's presentation will not only be shared by RCC students. A selected number of local high schools will be joining the RCC community on campus to share in the delight of hearing Espada's work. After the presentation the poet of laureate will be answering questions and signing books.

Although Hispanic Heritage month is from September 5th through October 15. The celebration had to be tweaked a bit the venue to host the renowned poet was not available at an earlier date. However, the event plan to be fascinating and exciting.

RCC is a Food...

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are an educational community committed to the well being of our students and staff, we should recognize that access to high quality and nutritious food should be one of our priorities.

We should also recognize the need to have a place to sit during the lunch hour; in particular, a place where we can eat slowly, enjoy our food and each other's company. We eat faster, and are therefore more likely to consume more calories, if we are not seated comfortably at a table. We eat poorer quality foods, ones that don't require silverware- like pizza, burgers, and fries, if we have no place to set our plate. Furthermore, meals are not only about eating, they are also about communing. Sometimes meals are the only moments during a busy day when we have a chance to catch up with colleagues and friends. We should have a place to do this.

Our current challenge provides an opportunity for learning outside the classroom as well. Obesity has become such a serious health and quality of life issue in this country that Michele Obama has selected it as her platform issue as First Lady (see: www.letsmove.gov). A recent news story reported that 1 in 10 Americans has diabetes and that this number could skyrocket to 1 in 3 by 2050 if current trends continue. However this issue extends far beyond public health to the health of local economies,

the global economy, and the environment. We should ask questions about where and how our food was grown and produced. We should consider the working conditions of those who produce it and whether their products were fairly traded. We should know if what we are eating has been genetically modified or injected with antibiotics and hormones. We should figure the total cost of food, including its environmental cost. We should also ask who has access to good food and work until we can say "everyone."

We live during an exciting time of opportunity around the issue of Food Justice. There are many ways in which RCC can seize this opportunity. Here are a few ways to get informed and involved:

Speak up:

Tell your classmates, faculty, and administrators the changes you'd like to see

Read:

Food Politics: What Everyone Needs to Know by Robert Paarlberg

The Omnivore's Dilemma by Michael Pollan

View:

Food, Inc. (2008)

Fresh (2009)

www.poptech.org/popcasts/michael_pollan_sustainable_food

Grow:

RCC community garden

The Food Project (<http://thefoodproject.org/>)

Earthworks Boston (<http://www.earthworks-boston.org/>)

Berklee Breeds Fusion Rock Group

By Seonseay Oates
Staff Reporter

Jaxon Boom is a three-piece band formed in Boston with members hailing from three very different places. Josh Rosato, drummer and former RCC student, is from Mexico and New York. Andrew Conn, bassist, comes from Sacramento, California; while Jake Jackson, who provides the lead guitar and vocals, is from Bemidji, Minnesota. The self-described fusion of Led Zeppelin, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Sublime and Rage Against the Machine, known for their spectacular live shows, is finally releasing their long awaited album, "On Probation." The guys gave insight on music, the story behind the name of the album, and everything Jaxon Boom.

GG: You all come from different places. How did you all meet up and eventually start Jaxon Boom?

JB: We all went to the Berklee College of Music, and that's where we formed the band. I met Andrew Conn, the bass

player, the week before my first semester started. We instantly started jamming with the intent to start a band. Soon after, we found Jake Jackson who is now the voice and lead guitarist for Jaxon Boom.

GG: Who are the members, and what does each one bring to the group?

JB: Jake Jackson is the lead singer and guitarist. He brings the funky, skanky guitar with a very original hard rock voice. Andrew Conn, the bassist, brings a crazy bass groove to the table that everyone can dance to. We call it the "Cali shuffle." Josh Rosato, the drummer, has a powerful militant style of drumming that provides the solid foundation that Jaxon Boom needs.

GG: After 2 years, your long awaited album, "On Probation," is being released. What's the story behind the name of the album and what can we expect to hear when we press play?

JB: The band is currently on probation because an engineer that recorded us wanted to mix the tracks, and we didn't

want to work with him anymore. As an engineer trying to latch on to us to get his name out there, he was upset. He lied on a police report and moved to Texas. We were arrested and brought up on charges for aggravated assault, breaking and entering, and larceny. We are now on probation for a year. On the album you can expect to hear live raw tracks in the studio. Jaxon Boom isn't the over produced rock band that you hear nowadays.

GG: What are your goals for Jaxon Boom?

JB: We just want to play music and enjoy our lives without working 9 to 5.

GG: Any Upcoming Events?

JB: Our CD release show is the biggest event we have coming up. It is at a club called Church near Fenway on Friday, November 12th. Church is the most sought after Venue for Local Bands to play in Boston. The show is 18 and up and \$10.00 at the door with 3 other great bands on the bill as well. This is our last show in Boston, so Jaxon Boom fans are getting excited and sad at the same time. If we sell all of the pre-sale tickets, Andrew is going to shave his head into a savage Mohawk.

GG: You all seem to be living out your dreams and striving to reach your goals. What advice would you give to others who have big dreams that they would like to follow?

JB: We would tell them not to let anyone get in their way. Some people will try to discourage you. If you will just be persistent, it will be worth it in the end. Don't forget to enjoy the ride because it's not just about the money; it's about the life journey.

For more info on Jaxon Boom go to: myspace.com/jaxonboom



Go! Fight! Win!



By Lethia Tate
Staff Reporter

the game," was the statement that sophomore Rikita Allen (3) made.

One common vision that all the players share is a 2010- 2011 Basketball Championship. In the words of Jessica

Williams, "Championship, baby, we going all the way."

Good Luck Tigers!

On Thursday, November 4, 2010 at 5 pm the Roxbury Community College Lady Tigers basketball team won their first game of the season against Bunker Hill. The final score of the game was RCC 105- Bunker Hill 51.

Before the game some of the Tigers really didn't really know what to expect. Meishia Reynolds (10), a freshman on the team, stated: "The season is kind of looking rough right now because our communication on the court is rough." She also stated, "Don't know what to expect because they got this big girl Kiera Drayton and that's all I'm gonna say; but we will see."

Jessica Williams (2), a freshman on the team, said, "It is our first game so everyone probably gonna be on point."

Neisha Kelley (4) stated, "Defense, communication, and team work is expected tonight."

The Lady Tigers played a good game. They ran a full court press and crashed the boards. With 19 minutes left on the clock in the second half, Meishia Reynolds injured her ankle and couldn't finish the game.

After their victory the Tigers had a lot to say. Reynesha Archer (24) said, "We played great together as a team though we could communicate better."

Jesika Holmes (32), a sophomore, said, "I feel great I love my team."

Sophomore Tammia Davis (30) stated, "I think we played very well, but we still have problems rebounding because we are not boxing out."

"I felt like we played a good game. Our defense and our boards kept us in

POET'S CORNER

Raped

By Chenae Z. Harris

When I was 12
I got raped
That same man is my pimp
Guess how old I am?
1987 now 2010 hmm
Bruised, starved and disabled
How you ask!
I cannot have children
Cold sweats from an addiction?
No I've been drugged too many times to count
Making money on these streets but not for me
What he doesn't know won't hurt him
I go to class in the daytime
My mom pays for me
I want to be a teacher
Someday
Last class
I graduated GREAT!
I pack what little I do have
And run away
CASH ONLY
No credit cards he might find me
On the plane to my dream destination
After living a nightmare for so many years
I can finally dream